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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 99,216-H)

In the Application of:

Roninson et al.

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For: Reagents and Methods for
Identifying and Modulating
Expression of Genes Regulated
By Retinoids

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION
MAILED JUNE 18, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed June 18, 2002, Applicants request reconsideration of their application in light of the following Amendments and Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to appear as follows:

8. (Amended) A method for identifying a compound that induces expression of a retinoid-inducible gene in a mammalian cell, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) culturing a recombinant mammalian cell in the presence and absence of a compound, wherein the recombinant mammalian cell comprises a recombinant expression construct encoding a reporter gene operably linked to a promoter from a gene the expression of which is induced by a retinoid, wherein the promoter does not contain a RARE site;